



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
31st July 2014
TERM 3 WEEK 3

Special points of interest:

- 4th - 15th August Life Ed Van
- 6th August - Kindy Transition

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 Aug	4 Life Ed Van.	5 Life Ed Van.	6 Life Ed Van. Zone Athletics @ Worsley Oval. Kindy Transition @ 1.30pm	7 Life Ed Van	8 McSouth Hamburger Day 
5 Aug	11 Life Ed Van.	12 Life Ed Van.	13 Life Ed Van.	14 Life Ed Van.	15 Life Ed Van.
6 Aug	18 Life Ed Van.	19 Guitar Performance in Hall 9.30am - 10.30am	20 High School Visit Kindy Transition 1.30pm	21	22 School Science Day
7 Aug	25 High School transition	26	27	28 Poetry Workshop	29



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A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Education Week

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week,. The theme for the original 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the way to a better world". This theme has been adopted for this year as part of the anniversary celebrations.

Education week is a celebration which acknowledges the achievements, dedication and commitment by students, staff, parents and school communities. It provides an excellent opportunity for us to open our doors, to showcase the wealth of learning opportunities on offer and reflect on the exceptional achievements of our staff and students.



Gunnedah South is not a one size fits all model to education and we are always striving to provide students with new opportunities.

I will highlight just a few of these opportunities which are open to students, they range from academic, cultural, social and sporting to creative.

Drum Beat, public speaking, debating, cooking, gardening, Eisteddfod, specialist sport, class excursions, school spectacular, school band, creative arts, mini ag farm, interest groups, Reading Recovery, jump rope for heart, Book Week parade, stage 3 trek, Life Education Van, Breakfast club, CWA competitions, creative art workshops, steer leading and sheep showing, cook offs, Porchetta, Premier's reading and sporting challenge, spelling bees, dance groups, active after school sport, Easter hat parade, grandparents' day, ICAS competitions and the list goes on.

And these can only be delivered with the co-operation of teachers, students, P&C, parents and the wider community. Education Week demonstrates our combined commitment to our school and the important roles in building our children's future and that of the community.

Schools do not simply present students with knowledge ~ we create lifelong learners with skills to master a changing world.

Our teachers and support staff here at Gunnedah South are an exceptional group of highly trained professionals who are committed to supporting students to reach their full potential. They continue to go above and beyond on a daily basis to meet the learning needs of every student. I would like to publicly thank them for making learning fun, challenging and relevant.

Successful schools require a team of people working together to provide students with the best possible opportunities. I would like to thank all of the people who make up that team: the teaching staff, who are critical to making a difference for students; the student leaders, who run initiatives in the school and make recommendations for improvement; the parents and community members, who give their own time to volunteer on a daily basis ~ without your support many initiatives would not be possible ; and the administrative and support staff, who through their work in the office, in the grounds or in the classroom, ensure that teachers and students are able to do the best work they can.



A few words from our Principal ...Cont

All of these people are an integral part of our vibrant school.

Education week awards

Outstanding student achievement award *Thomas Lyne*

Outstanding contribution to a school by a community member *Leanne Green*

Outstanding contribution to a school by of the school community *Todd Jeffery*

Outstanding contribution to the school by a staff member *Bianca Small*



On behalf of Gunnedah South Public School thank you for celebrating Education Week with us.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all the families that have paid their voluntary contributions.

The winner of the 50" Plasma was the Stark family. As you will see from the photos the TV box was nearly bigger than the two boys!!



Finland Principal

On Tuesday the school had a special visitor a Principal from Finland ~ Mrs Anna-Maija Hakuni-Luoma. The Finnish Education system is ranked in the top 5 in the world and the day provided for some excellent discussion based around educational practice. Mrs Hakuni-Luoma was thoroughly impressed as she had a tour of our school and interacted with our students.

The school is looking forward to developing close Finnish ties.



Kindest regards, Drum Beat Students
Emma Jeffery.
Principal





SCHOOL NEWS...



McSouth Hamburger Day Friday 8th August

(please not normal canteen menu not available on this day)

Hamburgers \$5

Drinks \$2

Juice: Apple, Apple Blackcurrent, Orange

Milks: Chocolate, Strawberry, Bannana



Canteen Helpers

Monday 4th August: Help Needed

Tuesday 5th August: Laura Reeves

Wednesday 6th August: Ebony Cope

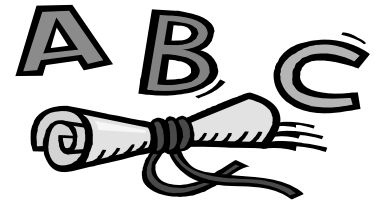
Thursday 7th August: Susan Southwell

Friday 8th August : Hamburger Day

Stage 3 Rotations Week 4-A

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Small PE/PD	5S	5Z			6L
Mr Sumpter Tech	5/6S	5S			5Z
Mr Humphries Science	6H	5/6S	ZONE ATHLETICS		5S
Miss Hickey M/D/D	6S	6H			5/6S
MRS HEATH HSIE	6L	6S			6H
Miss Zerner Art	5Z	6L			6S

Class Awards



1F	Chad Fisher, Josh Casey, Thomas Eveleigh, Bella-Lee Colbran
2M	Denzel Wortley, Nate Harris, Leni Wicks, Madison McDonald
2S	Dylan Mitchell-Mackay, Sophie Mainey, Codey Torrens
2W	Claire Barnes, Sophie Baker, Alex Bajzath



On Friday, 25th July some very lucky year one students went to the Capitol Theatre in Tamworth to watch a performance called "Mr McGee and the Biting Flea"

The show was fun and exciting and performed texts that we have studied in Literacy such as Alexanders Outing by Pamela Allen.

All the children were extremely well behaved and had a fantastic time. We cant wait to do it again!



Merit Certificates

YCDI

Kye Rutley, Malakay Briggs, Leah Demmery, Tyler Duff, Serena Jaeger,
Jamie-Lee Dean, Chad Fisher

Silver

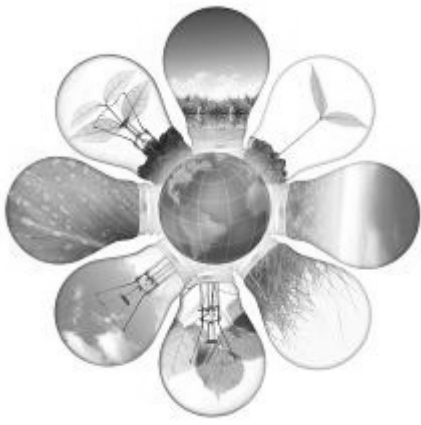
Merrie-lee Middleton, Lachlan Green, Heidi Tull, Harry Thomson, Julian Heath, Ashley Riley, Drew Elsley, Lachlan Percy, Shaylah Doolan, Max Mainey, Hayley Gardner, Charlotte McDonald, Cai Garrett, Cooper Blair, Charlie Bridge, Seth Certoma, Ryley Chaffey, Simone Donnelly, Mason Louis, Sienna Mackay, Lucas Passman, Charlotte Semmler, Alice Swain, Aleena Tariq, Dylan Mackay-Mitchell, Zac Stevenson, Mackenzie Leader, Taylor Stewart, Abby Withers, Sophie Mackay, Nicola Bemmet, Lewis Donaldson, Emily McKenzie, Daisy Sheedy, Annalise Johnson, Ryan Kelly-Payne, Max Hancox, Issac Jeffery, Tamika Burns, Sara Baker, Grace McCulloch, Leytiah McNamara, Taylor Sams, Ryan West, Ashlea West, Ashlea Webber, Savanna Stewart,

Gold

Cooper Blair, Charlie Bridge, Seth Certoma, Ryley Chaffey, Simone Donnelly, Mason Louis, Charlotte Semmler, Sophie Mackay, Lewis Donaldson, Emily McKenzie, Daisy Sheedy, Annalise Johnson, Ryan Kelly-Payne, Sara Baker, Grace McCulloch

Titanium

Lewis Donaldson



Science festival

When: Friday 22nd August 2014

Where: Gunnedah South Primary

Time: 9.15am – 3pm

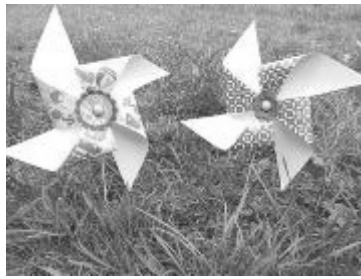
Theme: Sustainability

During Science Week 2014, Gunnedah South Primary will host a fun-packed Science Festival day. The theme for the day is sustainability and students will learn about sustainable agriculture, alternative and renewable energy, green building, greenhouse gases and urban farming. The school has invited surrounding schools, Tambar Springs Public, Mullaley Public, Premer Public and Carroll Public to attend the festival, as well as parents and community members.

The festival activities include specialist presentations, hands-on activities, a Science Project competition and Science Excellence Awards. Special guest speakers include Geologist Elsie Gretton from Boggabri Coal, Astronomer Peter Starr from Warrumbungle Observatory, Cotton Industry Education Officer Trudy Staines from CSIRO and Science Teacher Patrick Twinning from Gunnedah High School.

This festival has been enhanced by the \$1500 of funding from the NSW Regional Science Grant Program delivered by Inspiring Australia NSW. This grant will help cover the costs of transport for surrounding schools to attend the festival as well as transport to Boggabri Coal Mine site for a post festival excursion.

Miss Pankhurst



Science Project Competition

Date due: 21st August, 2014 (bring your project to Miss Pankhurst's classroom)

Theme: Sustainable development

Background information: sustainable development involves improving how humans live without permanently damaging the Earth, a task that brings with it unique challenges.

Theme ideas:

- Sustainable agriculture – using organic and innovative farming methods that keep the farmland and surrounding environment healthy and productive indefinitely
- Alternative or renewable energy – using a non-petroleum or coal derived energy source that will never run out
- Green building – using renewable resources and recycled materials in construction projects
- Greenhouse gases – gases that trap heat on the Earth's surface
- Urban farming – the trend of growing your own food or eating only locally grown food

Task: Using the scientific model to design and make a science project that incorporates sustainable development.

Ask a question

Do background research

Construct a hypothesis

Test your hypothesis by doing an experiment

Analyse your data and draw a conclusion

Communicate your results

Use this website for project ideas

http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_ideas.shtml



Gunnedah South Horse Sports Day

Congratulations to our equestrian team once again for being wonderful representatives of Gunnedah South Public School. They were exceptionally well behaved and showed terrific sportsmanship and competitive spirit. Well done to our students who won champion and reserve champion in their age groups.

All the children looked splendiferous in their red and white uniform and participated in all of their events with enthusiasm. It was obvious they were enjoying themselves as they wore smiles all day long.

We were lucky to have a glorious day with 87 riders competing from many schools around the area, some even from Sydney. From all reports, everyone enjoyed the day and the whole event ran very smoothly with no major incidents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the competitors and all the people who helped make the day such a success; the announcer, the marshaller and his little helpers, the red coats, the sporting gear manager and his helpers, the ladies at the jumping, the judges, the pencillers, the gear checkers, the canteen and BBQ organisers and helpers, the first aid manager, the raffle ticket sellers, the ladies in the recorders' box, the groundsman, the show committee, the Gunnedah Pony Club and anybody who I may have momentarily overlooked. Thank you!

Also a big "thankyou" to Pryde's Easifeed for donating 10 bags of EasiRide horse feed and scoops and Sue Logan for donating a horse rug.

We have raised over \$1100 dollars.

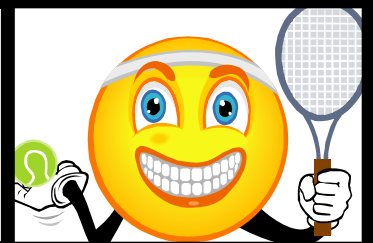
Shanyn Worley and Vicki Merlehan



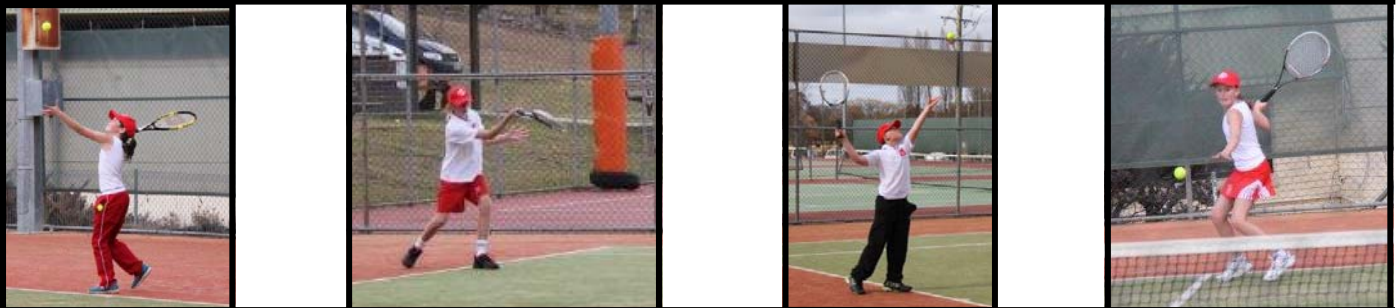
What a magnificent team: Phillipe Altmann, Ned Tassell, Harry Tassell, Lachlan Moore, Isabelle Moore, Callum Letts, Alex Letts, Beccy Wilson, Tom Wilson, Chenelle Winsor, Lucy Merlehan, Emylie Murrell, Lucy Jackson, Steven Craig, Matilda Snow, Chelsea Storey, Kaytlyn Murrell, Emily Staughton



On The Court



On Thursday 17th July, the school Tennis team travelled to Armidale to play Grafton Public School in the quarter final of the State wide PSSA Tennis Knockout. It was the fourth meeting of the two schools at this stage of the competition, in six years, with our players looking to take the next step. The winner travels to Sydney for the State Finals.



With a close match on the cards, the boys came out firing, with both Logan and Aaron securing 6-0 wins. Although Sophie M. and Sophie W. didn't win their singles, they won valuable games.

At 2 sets all, we were in front on games, 21 to 13. The boys continued to apply pressure, winning the doubles 6-2, with the girls unable to find their groove, losing 6-2. Still, at 3 sets all, the games score was still in our favour, 29-21. Unfortunately, our mixed was not strong enough on the day. Both combinations played well but were unable to secure victory, Grafton winning 5 sets to 3.

We wish Grafton all the best for the finals in Sydney.

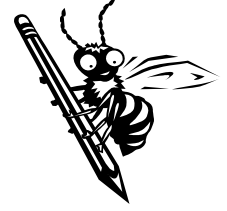


North West Champions

A big thank you to all our parents and supporters of the team throughout this year. The support you have shown for the team has been tremendous. Our trip to the quarter finals would not have been possible without the generosity of those parents who transported us to matches. Thank you. A special mention to Robyn Louis for volunteering her time to coach the team on the finer points of the game.



SPELLING BEE



The district finals of the
Premier's Spelling Bee will be held

at: Nemingha Public School

on: Thursday, 11th September

with Juniors at: 9:30—11:30 am

and Seniors at: 12:30—2:30 pm

Good luck to all entrants.

Contestants are to make their own travel arrangements.

SRC News

South Social

In support of two of our students, Chennelle in Year 6 and Braithen Winsor in Year 5 who lost their home in a fire last week.

In our school hall on

Thursday, 7th August.

Infants at 4.30p.m. to 5.30p.m.

and

Primary at 5.30p.m. to 6.30p.m.

Students will need to purchase a \$5 ticket which will buy them entry to the social, a sausage sandwich and a drink. These tickets will be for sale at recess times under the primary cola and at Western Gate on the night of the social

Students will need to present their ticket at the door of the hall to gain entry.

Tea/coffee and afternoon tea will be for sale at the canteen for parents.

Dress theme: Come dressed as something starting with C for Chennelle or B for Braithen.



Life Education Van

The Life Education Van arrived at Gunnedah South today. Life Education has been empowering children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education for more than 35 years. Life Education is the largest non-government provider of drug and health education to children and young people, and their families and communities, Australia wide. All classes at Gunnedah South will be visiting the Life Education van fully funded by BHP Caroon Coal. Each student will also receive a workbook and a sticker. The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PD/H/PE Curriculum.

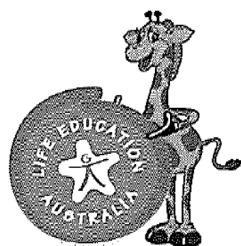
Please see the timetable below.

Harold Merchandise will be sold at lunchtimes under the Infants COLA throughout weeks 4 and 5.

We welcome Tim and Healthy Harold to our school.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Thurs</u> <u>31.7</u>	<u>Mon</u> <u>4.8</u>	<u>Tues</u> <u>5.8</u>	<u>Wed</u> <u>6.8</u>	<u>Thurs</u> <u>7.8</u>	<u>Mon</u> <u>11.8</u>	<u>Tues</u> <u>12.8</u>	<u>Wed</u> <u>13.8</u>	<u>Thurs</u> <u>14.8</u>	<u>Mon</u> <u>18.8</u>
Morning	GS Kidd	6H	KW	KR	5Z	6S				2M
Middle		3D	2W	KM	6L	5S	5/6	3/4	3M	3H
After-noon		KS	4M	KK	1M	1F	4S	1W	2S	1PW



HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

Product description	Price Incl. GST
Tattoo	\$0.50
Harold Sticky Note Pad	\$1.50
Harold Activity Bag	\$3.00
Harold Keyring	N/A

Product description	Price Incl. GST
Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00
Harold Stationery Set	N/A
Small Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00
Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00

NB Harold Products are subject to availability

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.



- ☐ I would like to donate _____ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: _____ Phone (optional): _____

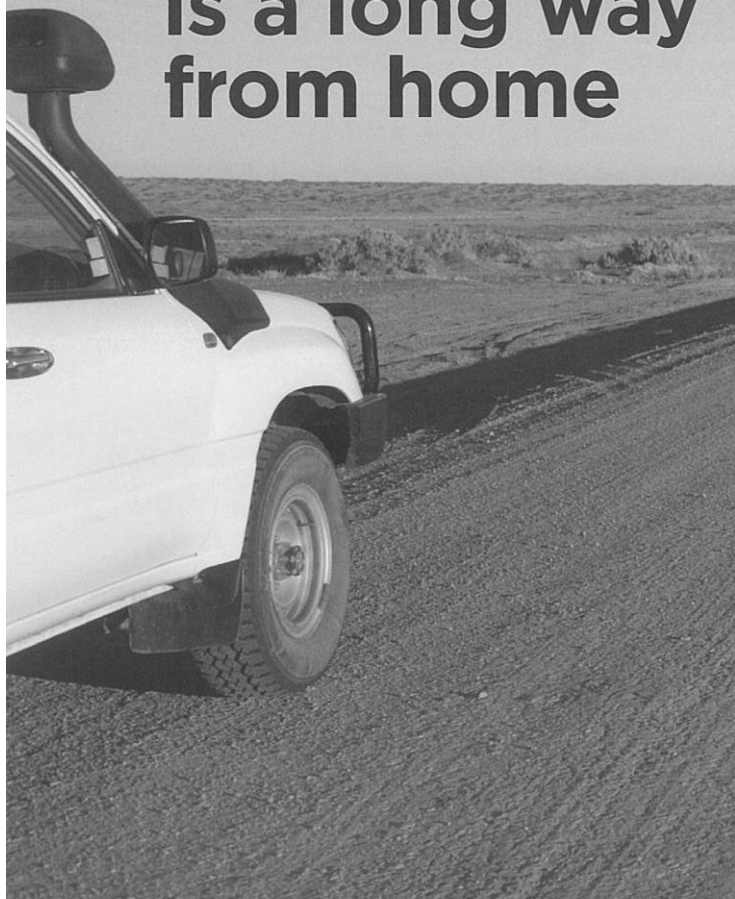
Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email (optional) _____ Child's Class: _____

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Can't get online?

Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

